

Schools, where she remained until her retirement. A proud member of St. Patrick's Senior Center in Detroit for over three decades, she is an active participant in the center's activities and trips. Prior to the pandemic, she could be found there catching up with friends each day.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Clara Doutly on her 100th birthday. I join with her family and friends in extending my best and warmest wishes to her on this special day. I am proud to honor her life, her accomplishments, and her invaluable contributions to our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 4369, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 318.

CELEBRATING THE GENESEO KIWANIS CLUB FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Geneseo Kiwanis Club for 100 years of service to the Geneseo community.

The Geneseo Kiwanis Club was chartered on October 22, 1920 and meets weekly to serve the community. In addition to donating to over 20 local charities, the Geneseo Kiwanis Club provides a scholarship for students and sponsors GMS Builders Club, GHS Key Club and Boy Scout Troop 131. The organization also provides free tax help, hosts fundraising events, built the Geneseo City Park shelter, and raised tens of thousands of dollars to help eliminate neonatal tetanus throughout the world.

It is because of strong community organizations such as the Geneseo Kiwanis Club that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Geneseo Kiwanis Club on 100 years of service to the community.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FRANKLIN CHANG-DÍAZ

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Franklin Chang-Díaz for being selected as one of the 100 Most Intriguing Entrepreneurs of 2021 at Goldman Sachs's Builders + Innovators Summit in Healdsburg, California.

Selected as one of 100 entrepreneurs from a diverse range of groundbreaking industries.

Dr. Chang-Díaz currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Ad Astra Rocket Company in Webster, TX. He spent 25 years as a decorated NASA astronaut, flying seven missions into space. When he retired from NASA in 2005, he founded the Ad Astra Rocket Company to continue the development of his invention, the Variable Specific Impulse Magnetoplasma Rocket (VASIMR) engine.

The VASIMR engine is an advanced plasma space propulsion system that will revolutionize space travel. With VASIMR, a sustainable, efficient, and high-powered engine, we can stay longer and travel further in space. Dr. Franklin Chang-Díaz and his company, Ad Astra, are transforming the trajectory of our space industry.

Using plasma physics to bring the advanced rocket technology to life, Ad Astra plans to commercialize the VASIMR engine by 2025 for the emerging in-space transportation market. The VASIMR engine's capabilities will vastly change how we think about space travel. Transit to Mars will be shorter by several months, enabling more robust human missions to the Red Planet and beyond.

Madam Speaker, I would like to honor Dr. Franklin Chang-Díaz for his extraordinary achievements and leadership in the field of space transportation.

DAN HEINS TRIBUTE

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Daniel Heins, who will be retiring at the end of this month from his position as national president of the United Postmasters and Managers of America (UPMA). Dan began his accomplished postal career in Minneapolis, Minnesota in March of 1981 as a distribution and window clerk. He rose through the ranks as a letter carrier, a supervisor, a station manager, and then in 2010, he was appointed postmaster in Stewartville, Minnesota. Prior to his election as UPMA national president, Dan served in various leadership positions within the Minnesota Chapter of UPMA, including district director, executive vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and nine years as a chapter president. Nationally, Dan served in roles as vice-president and secretary-treasurer before being elected president on November 1, 2018. UPMA has 25,000 active and retired members including postmasters, managers, supervisors, retirees and associate members. Dan is committed to making sure that UPMA does everything possible to improve the lives of their members at all levels of the organization. As the organization's first president, Dan worked hard to establish UPMA as a trusted voice among policymakers on Capitol Hill. He was singularly determined to advocate on both sides of the aisle for comprehensive postal reform to ensure that the USPS continues to exist. Dan shared his personal belief in the importance of reform so future employees could have the same opportunities for personal growth that Dan had been blessed with. His passion for being a postmaster and his professional commitment to a successful USPS have been unassailable. In 2019, Dan led a successful

UPMA convention and followed up on his commitment to building and growing a dynamic association by having record attendance at the Congressional Summit in early 2020. Hundreds of postmasters who came to Washington under Dan's leadership last year to advocate for postal reform and their benefits. About a month after that successful summit, the COVID-19 public health crisis struck. Dan immediately jumped into action, communicating to policymakers on Capitol Hill the dire situation the USPS was in and the need for supplemental funding to provide PPE and ensure the timely delivery of the unprecedented volume of packages from local stay-at-home orders. In the summer of 2020, Dan and his wife, Karen, traveled the country to a number of UPMA state conventions, demonstrating his commitment to the vitality and success of the Association. Even though the 2020 national convention welcomed only a fraction of its usual attendance, Dan made sure that postmasters continued to come together and be recognized for the essential work they do. In the fall of 2020, as postmasters throughout the country prepared for record vote-by-mail turnout, Dan was a steady voice to his members assuring them that postmasters and postal employees would rise to the challenge. I was proud to meet with my local postmasters from Southern Illinois during this year's Congressional Summit and thank them for the essential service they do every day. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Dan Heins for his leadership as president of the United Postmasters of America. I also recognize his wife, Karen, a true partner to Dan whose steadfast support has helped him achieve his success. As a new president takes office, I know that a solid foundation has been built by UPMA because of the work of President Dan Heins.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MR. LOY OWNBY

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and service of Mr. Loy A. Ownby of Sevierville, Tennessee. Mr. Ownby was born on August 9, 1920 and passed away on February 5, 2004.

He was a highly decorated Veteran of the United States Army, having served in World War II in Burma, China, and India as a member of the famous Merrill's Marauders.

Officially named the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), this elite unit was a United States long range penetration special operations jungle warfare unit which fought in the South-East Asian theatre of World War II. In slightly more than five months of combat, the Marauders had advanced nearly 1,000 miles through some of the harshest jungle in the world, fought in five major engagements and battled hunger, fevers, and diseases as they traversed more jungle terrain than any other U.S. Army formation during World War II. They had the rare distinction of each soldier being awarded the Bronze Star, Silver Star and the Burma Liberation Medal. Their unit was also awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation.